FORT MASON CENTER

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THEATER/DANCE • GALLERIES/EXHIBITS • KIDS/FAMILY ACTIVITIES • CLASSES/WORKSHOPS • LECTURES/CONFERENCES

A Kaleidoscope of Culture
Fort Mason Center (FMC) events happening during the 2010 holiday season and early 2011 reflect how the atmosphere is evolving at this multifaceted arts and culture complex. FMC welcomes the return of cherished holiday traditions as well as exciting new events.

During December, City Ballet School's beloved *Nutcracker* performances continue an enduring annual dance tradition. The acclaimed Lorraine Hansberry Theatre joins the FMC family with *Joyful Noise: A Gospel Celebration of Christmas*, the first of two productions in the Southside Theater. Celebration of Craftswomen adds to its 22-year history at FMC with two weekends of fine crafts. Bazaar Bizarre brings it unique craft gathering to a new home at FMC later in December.

The popular Off the Grid Friday night street food fair in the FMC parking lot is on break until Spring 2011. However, the new Readers Cafe in Building C offers theater patrons savory snacks and locally sourced wine and beer before shows, while daytime visitors can indulge in Blue Bottle Coffee and sweet treats.

Every New Year's Eve, resident theater group BATS Improv pulls together an intimate, light-hearted show and champagne toast at the Bayfront Theater in Building B. Those in search of a larger party can attend the Streets of San Francisco NYE bash -- newly ensconced in the Festival Pavilion.

Early in 2011, a new FMC event, the Paws For Laughter Comedy Fundraiser helps the Rocket Dog Rescue group. Later in January, the ZAP Zinfandel Festival celebrates 20 years of "zinspiration" at FMC with an enormous wine tasting event. As the year unfolds, expect to see many more old favorites and new arrivals. For more information, visit www.fortmason.org or call (415) 345-7500.

WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

Fort Mason Center hosts over 10,000 events annually, so it is not possible to provide a complete calendar.

Events are added daily —for the latest additions, updates, and changes, go to www.fortmason.org.

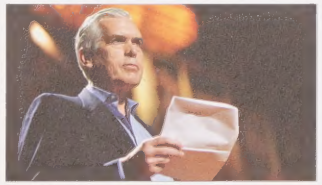
The free **Farmers' Market** has been extended to year-round operation by popular demand. Pick up produce, wonderful cheese, baked goods, flowers, seafood, and more every Sunday 9:30am–1:30pm

During the weekend of December 3–5, the City College of San Francisco (CCSF) Fort Mason Center Art Campus holds a **CCSF Holiday Exhibit and Sale** featuring faculty and student work for sale and a **Faculty Art Exhibition**, which runs until January 24. Held throughout Building B, the event is free. The Friday night reception features refreshments and music by the City College Guitar Ensemble.

The **Museo ItaloAmericano** hosts a variety of events for the holidays and beyond. The **Piedmont Industry Exhibition** of photography runs through February 6 and admission is free. The **Festa dei Dolci Italiani** on December 2 is a tasty $35 fundraiser. Film programs on December 5 and 12 cost $5 and a December 9 party for young professionals offers holiday cheer for $20.

The Bay Area Friends of Tibet present the annual **Tibet Day Fair** on December 11. The fair showcases Tibetan art, food, and culture and admission is $10. An evening Tibetan music concert costs $20.

BATS Improv turns up the volume during the popular **Rock & Roll Theatresports** competition on weekends in January and February. BATS actors form teams to improvise rock bands, which compete to win the championship. Admission to each lively show is $17–$20.



The **Long Now Seminars About Long-Term Thinking** introduce important topics in January and February. On January 18, Common Good founder Philip K. Howard talks about "Fixing Broken Government." Cultural anthropologist Mary Catherine Bateson discusses how to "Live Longer, Think Longer" on February 9. Seminar admission is $10.

Beautiful images are everywhere at the **San Francisco Fine Print Fair** taking place January 28–30. The festive preview reception on Friday offers refreshments and first views of the art for $20. For the remainder of the weekend, admission to the fair is free.

Fort Mason Center's Festival Pavilion is busy in February with the **Arts of Pacific Asia Show** February 3–6 and the **Tribal & Textile Arts Show** February 10–13. Each show features museum-quality art and artifacts and glamorous gala benefits for local museums during the Thursday night previews. Gala tickets cost $85-$150, while regular viewing is $15 for the rest of the weekend.

The Festival Pavilion is a lively venue again on February 19 for the **San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition Tasting**, billed as the largest US wine contest in the world with thousands of entries. Admission is $85.

New York-based **Ellis Wood Dance Premieres *MOM*** in the Cowell Theater on February 26. *MOM* is an evening-length solo work with a diverse mix of music, multimedia, and 45 years of life as a female woven in. Tickets are $20.

CAMPUS ATTRACTIONS

The Fort Mason Center campus includes theaters, galleries, exhibits, food, and more.

Visit us on the web at www.fortmason.org.

BATS Improv presents improvisational theater performances and classes. Shows Fri & Sat 8pm, select Suns 7pm

ROCK POP FOLK BLUES JAZZ

Blue Bear School of Music offers individual and group music classes for all ages & skill levels. Office hours Mon–Thu 1–8pm; Sat 10:30am–4pm

Book Bay Bookstore has a great selection of reasonably priced books, music, and videos for adults & children. Daily 10am–6pm except some holidays

California Lawyers for the Arts holds classes select Weds 7–8:30pm

City College of San Francisco (CCSF) offers classes throughout the day. Student gallery open daily

City Guides offers walking tours of the Fort Mason historic district on the 2nd Fri of each month at 1 pm. Meet next to the Gatehouse. Free (donations accepted)

Cowell Theater hosts performances by traveling & local companies

Cooks & Company serves scrumptious morning pastries, sandwiches, salads & "killer" soups for take out. Mon–Fri 8am–3pm, most Sats 9am–3pm

Fort Mason Center Farmers Market is held Sundays year round. 9:30 am–1:30pm

Greens Restaurant sets the standard for vegetarian cuisine. Lunch Tue–Sat 11:45am–2:30pm; Sun Brunch 10:30am-2pm; Cafe dinner Sun-Fri 5:30–9pm; Prix Fixe dinner Sat 5:30-9pm. Greens To Go opens at 8am

Long Now Museum & Store encourages long-term thinking through the 10,000 year clock exhibit & seminar programs. Mon–Fri 10:30am–5pm; Sat & Sun 11am–6pm. Free

Magic Theatre's 2010-2011 season features new plays by emerging & established playwrights.

The Mexican Museum celebrates the bicentennial of Mexican Independence. Gallery open Thurs–Sun Noon–4pm (Call for holiday closures.) Free

Museo ItaloAmericano is devoted to Italian & Italian-American art & culture. Gallery open Tue–Sun Noon–4pm (Call for holiday closures.) Free

On the Commons creates interdisciplinary dialogue through the visual and literary arts.

Outdoor Exploratorium investigates the subtle phenomena & unseen processes of the everyday world. Map in FMC Main Office, daily 9am–8pm Free

Readers Cafe is operated by Friends of the Library in Bldg C, next to Book Bay. Drink Blue Bottle Coffee, support libraries! Daily 9am-6pm & special event & holiday hours

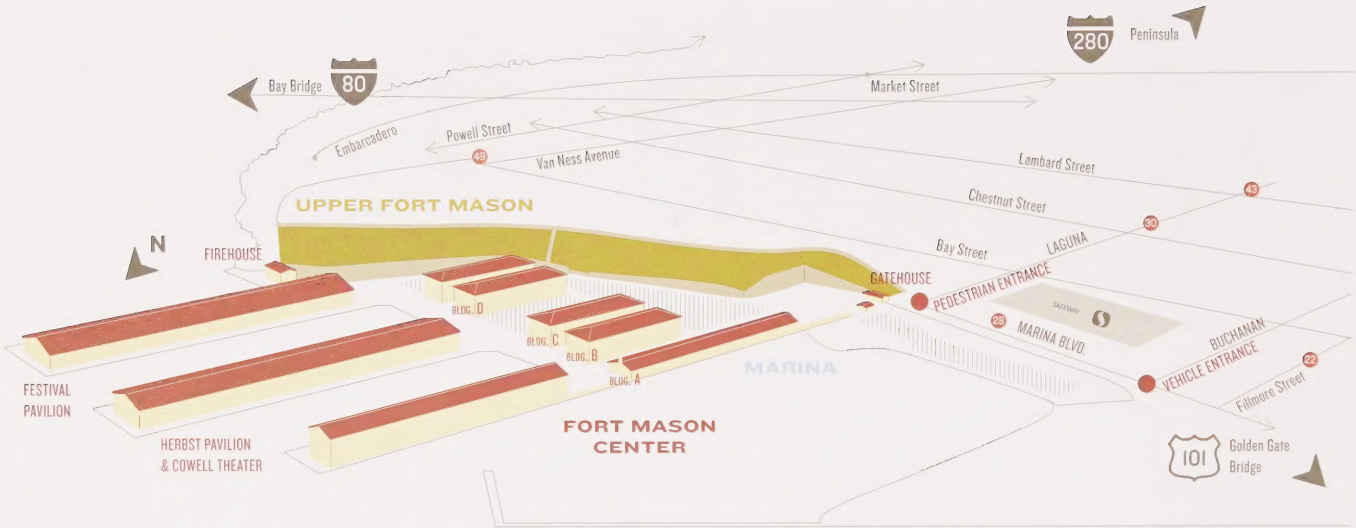
San Francisco Children's Art Center conducts art classes for children age 22 months to 11 years. Mon–Fri 9am–5:30pm, Sat 9:30am–3pm. B-day parties Sun 11am–4pm

SF Maritime National Historical Park Library. Open by appt. www.nps.gov/safr/historyculture/

SFMOMA Artists Gallery features a dynamic exhibition program of Bay Area artists at all stages of their careers. Tue–Sat 11:30am–5:30pm. Free

Southside Theater offers performances by local & traveling theater groups.

Young Performers Theatre presents plays & a theatre academy for children.



Fort Mason Center, a dynamic waterfront destination for thought-provoking programs, events, and organizations, supports and reflects the evolving cultural fabric of the San Francisco Bay Area. Located on the northern waterfront near the Marina Green, accessible by public transportation, the campus offers cultural, educational, and recreational activities for people of all ages and backgrounds. The meeting rooms, theaters, conference centers, and exhibit spaces are occupied 360 days a year by activities ranging from classes of five to festivals attended by 5,000. Picnic tables, benches, the Outdoor Exploratorium, SFMOMA Artists Gallery, Long Now Museum and Gallery, Mexican Museum, Bandshell, Museo ItaloAmericano, and Book Bay are open and free to the public. Performances, festivals, classes, music, weddings, seminars, celebrations, and more all happen at Fort Mason Center.

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Fort Mason Center:
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Facility Rentals: (415) 345-7557
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RENT AT FORT MASON CENTER

Choose from 23 venues totaling 130,000 square feet of space.

VENUE	SQ. FT.	CAPACITY RANGE
Festival Pavilion	50,000	1,000 to 5,000
Herbst Pavilion (Closed for renovation Feb–Dec 2011)	30,000	350 to 3,000
Conference Center	3,917	100 to 300
Firehouse	1,937	50 to 125
Meeting & Activity Spaces (10)	192 to 2,940	5 to 100
Fleet Room	4,509	150 to 350
Gatehouse	605	10 to 30
SFMOMA Artists Gallery	1,394	25 to 125
Cowell Theater (Closed for renovation Jan 2011–Feb 2012)	40'x31' stage w/ 20' wings	437
Southside Theater	29'x36' stage, 20'x18.5' playing area	160
Chapel	---	200
Officers Club	---	250